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HOUSE RESOLUTION 147
By McKee

A RESOLUTION To honor Terry Hayes, one of Tennessee's best loggers, on his selection as the 2001 Tennessee Forestry Association Logger of the Year.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize and honor outstanding citizens of our state, those who make a significant contribution to their profession and community; and

WHEREAS, Terry Hayes, the Tennessee Forestry Association 2001 Logger of the Year, is clearly one such exemplary person; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes grew up in rural McMinn and Meigs Counties, forming a strong tie to the farming community; and

WHEREAS, His father, Marvin, was a laborer, loyal member of the union, and operated a dairy farm in the area; his loving mother was Sue Hayes; and

WHEREAS, His father taught him the value of hard work and long hours, and his mother encouraged him to always strive to do what was right and make a contribution to his community; and

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WHEREAS, With a strong love for the outdoors, the logging business was a natural occupation for Terry Hayes to choose; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes was a hard-working and highly regarded employee of the Tennessee Valley Authority for many years; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, he started Levons Logging Company, in Niota, Tennessee and Levons Timber Manufacturing Company, in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Terry has developed the ability to harvest timber responsibly in a variety of ways including thinning, select, seed tree, shelter wood and real estate cuts; and

WHEREAS, He performs all site preparation work himself and works in conjunction with the state to meet or exceed all required guidelines; and

WHEREAS, This highly regarded logger has been a major supporter of the "Trees for Tennessee" program sponsored by the J. M. Huber Corporation, having replanted more than 200 acres in the 2000 planting season with plans to replant another 300 acres in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Safety is a major concern to Terry; he sends each member of his crew to the Tennessee Forestry Association's Master Logger Program and to continuing education courses; and

WHEREAS, He also ensures that wheeled and tracked machines have enclosed cabs and that anyone who operates a chainsaw wears chaps; and

WHEREAS, A true representative of the volunteer spirit of the "Volunteer State," Mr. Hayes donates his time and leadership to many community activities including the excellent Log-A-Load for Kids program in both Tennessee and Alabama; and

WHEREAS, His wife Karen is very supportive of his efforts; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pause to honor and commend Terry Hayes on being named Tennessee Logger of the Year; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we

honor and congratulate Terry Hayes on being named Tennessee Logger of the Year and wish him much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.